

Minutes of Third IDMS/R Data Base Advisory Group Meeting, March 4, 1987

The third meeting of the IDMS/R Data Base Advisory Group was held on March 4, 1987, at the Comptroller of the Currency facility in Washington, D.C. There were 28 participants present, representing 16 Federal agencies, plus seven Cullinet representatives.

STAT Craig Hackett, Deputy Director, Information Systems & Technology Division, Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), opened the meeting by welcoming the group on behalf of OCC. [redacted] Deputy Director, Office of Information Technology, CIA, gave a short history of the Federal User's Group and introduced the other CIA participants. Pat Kerrigan, Marketing Manager, Government Systems Division, Cullinet Software, introduced the Cullinet representatives. Following this, the new members introduced themselves and briefly mentioned their agency's involvement with IDMS/R.

George Tamke, the newly appointed President of Cullinet Software, Inc., addressed the group, giving a summary of his experience, where Cullinet has been, where they are now, and where they are going. He discussed their blueprint strategy and activity in the acquisition arena, describing several acquisitions. He mentioned Cullinet's growth in sales force and account managers. The discussion period following generated several questions including: Does Cullinet have review of third party ability to implement Cullinet products? Does Cullinet have the modeling tool to predict performance a priori? Is there a yardstick to measure the performance of the contractor community in the area of software development? One member mentioned the possible impact of government standards on Cullinet product development.

STAT [redacted] Chief, Corporate Systems Development Division, OIT (CIA), STAT and [redacted] Chief, Data Base Systems Division, OIT (CIA), described the background of data base management at CIA, what CIA is doing with the IDMS product and the problems involved. They emphasized the importance of the Advisory Group members sharing their individual experiences in building a corporate data program, proposed a round table discussion at the next IDMS/R meeting, and passed out a list of questions and points to be considered in such a forum. Remarks following this discussion touched on quality control and budget problems, and recruitment difficulties in finding people skilled in the new applications development.

Bill Casey, Vice President for Product Architecture, spoke on Cullinet's direction in the PC world and the evolving role of personal computers. He provided an up-to-date statement of Cullinet's development philosophy and focus. The vignettes he used presented the value-added approach, microsoftware development plans, PC use in the commercial environment, problems and open questions. He detailed the improvements that have been incorporated into Goldengate 1.3, as well as a description of their ADS+/PC. It was an informative and entertaining session, highlighted by Bill's ability to provide technical insight with humor and candor.

STAT [redacted] STAT briefly described the four special interest groups that had been formed at the second IDMS/R meeting and suggested the group members might want to meet informally after the morning session. He reminded those members who had not yet done so to send [redacted] a one-page corporate profile on their organization's history with IDMS.

The group discussed the agenda for the next meeting. Suggestions included a Cullinet speaker who might talk about CASE; a roundtable on the corporate data base; discussion on issues of conversion (how to move in an orderly manner; tricks of the trade, strategies associated with conversion); information sharing, i.e., studies that some of the organizations represented might have done, and their research findings.

Pat Kerrigan announced a new IDMS architect software and said that anyone interested should contact him; Cullinet would provide the software and a free trial. He mentioned that User Week will be held in the Fall in Anaheim, California, and to consider having our Fall meeting in Anaheim.

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[redacted] suggested that at the June meeting the members consider the future of this group, how often and where to meet, and rotation of the chairmanship.

The next meeting will also be a morning session held on Wednesday, June 3, 1987, at the Comptroller of the Currency facility, Room 3-B. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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IDMS/R Data Base Advisory Group Meeting, June 3, 1987
Comptroller of the Currency, Room 3-B, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C.

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TITLE _____
OFFICE ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

2. I will _____ will not _____ attend.

3. The following person(s) will attend in my place:

NAME(S) _____
TITLE _____
ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

4. I would like to meet with my special interest group after the morning meeting.

YES _____ NO _____

5. Please give comments and feedback, including membership of the group, frequency of meetings, technical content (too much, too little), future discussion topics, special interest groups, speakers, etc. Be candid!

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